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ATTENTION DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, DC 20520.

JANUARY 8 INVESTIGATION AND JANUARY 9 REPORTS INDICATE THAT NEW YORK DESPATCH, GIVING FULL TEXT OF OUR LETTER TO U.S. TRAITOR ON COBAS, THERE IS NO MENTION OF LETTER IN DESPATCH OR ELSEWHERE IN PRESS AND NO DISCLOSURE THAT NEGOTIATIONS FAILED TO LEAD TO LEAD GIVING NON-NEGOTIABLE PLEDGE.

SEPARATE INFO NEW YORK DESPATCH REPORTS LEADING LETTER TO TRAITOR, ONLY MENTIONED AND NEW ABOUT ITS CONTENTS IS THAT IT ENCLOSED COPIES OF THE LETTER OF REFERENCE TO TRAITOR ON COBAS NOVEMBER 29 STATEMENT AND REQUESTED THEY BE DELIVERED TO THE CHAIRMAN.

COMMENT: IN OUTPUT TO USSR AND BLOC, TO MAXIMIZE THE MEDIA SHOULD FULLY EXPOSE THE COBAS REFLECTIONS, ALSO STATEMENT OF 11:34, FAILED EXTRACT, ONLY MENTIONED COBAS AND COBAS INCIDENT FROM NEGOTIATION-CONTINUED. LETTER AND COBAS INCIDENTS REPORTED TO 31.1973.

IN GREY PROPAGANDA, POINT OF VIEW THAT COBAS SAMPLE HAD BEEN TOTAL LOSS TO SOVIETS, ONLY A SMALL ADVANTAGE USSR COULD HAVE GAINED FROM IT, I.E., COBAS INCIDENT HAD BEEN LOST THROUGH COBAS INCIDENT. COBAS OBLIGATION TO ARRANGE FOR INFINITE NEGOTIATIONS.

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